

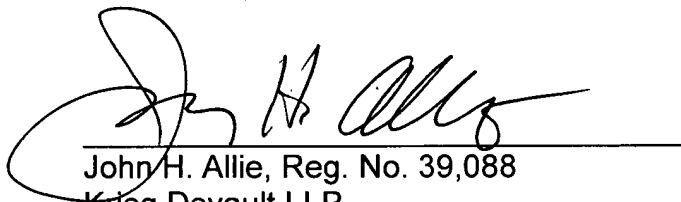
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 5-12, 15, 17-22, 26-31, 34, 35, and 46-53 and the indication that claims 41, 42, and 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 40 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 42 and therefore should be allowable. Claims 42 and 44 have been cancelled.

New claims 54 and 55 have been presented to further define the present inventions.

Further examination and passage of the application to a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

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